LPG cylinder plants

627. SHRI SHANTIMOY GHOSH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether any steps are being taken to increase the utilisation of LPG cylinder plants if so, the details of the measures taken for this purpose so far;

(b) whether the safety of cylinders is being jeopardize by such greater utilization of the manufacturing process; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) The installed capacity of the LPG cylinder manufacturing units in that country is far in excess of the demand resulting in under utilisation of capacity. The entire demand for LPG cylinder of the oil industry is met at present by the existing manufacturing units.

(b) and (c) Do no arise.

Demand fo$_r$ LPG cylinders

628. SHRl SHANTIMOY GHOSH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND, NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government expect a substantial growth in the demand of LPG cylinder$_s$ in the country during the coming year;

(b) if so, whether the expected growth in demand would be met only by the existing LPG cylinder plants or new LPG cylinder plants ar$_e$ proposed to be sanctioned soon; and

(c) if so, what are the details there of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(lb) Th$_e$ total installed capacity for manufacture of LPG cylinders being far in excess of the annual requirements of the oil industry, th$_e$ demand for this item in the next few years ig expected to be met from the existing capacity.

(c) Does not arise.

LPG cylinder projects

628. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will th$_e$ Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) the number of LPG cylinder projects sanctioned during the last three years in the country;

(b) he names of the regions in which, those projects were sanction-ed;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of these unis are being shelved; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (d) Units for manufacture of LPG cylinders do not require a licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 and need only re-gistration with DGTD|State Directorates of Industries. During 1983-85, approximately 50 units obtained registration with DGTD, for locations in various parts of the country.

The number of units presently manufacturing LPG cylinders is ap-proximately 60, with capacity far in exces$_s$ of the annual requirements of the oil industry. Details of any units proposing not to proceed to manufacture this item are not maintained by the oil industry.